

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

A third embodiment of this invention comprises use ~~[[of]]~~ the wood-polymer composite ~~according to any of claims 1 to 9 or as manufactured according to any of claims 10 to 18, as a round, sawn or laminated wood product and more particularly a~~ doorstep, dorlaminate, floor, handle, building board, pallet, acoustic wood, outdoor furniture, indoor furniture, container floor, play apparatus, benchtop, outdoor deck material, stair and railing material, fence stakes, or timber.

Page 4, after line 28 insert the following new paragraph:

The polymerized monomers are distributed throughout the whole of the composite, or within a shell below the exterior surfaces and ends 2 mm deep and deeper and have a density of from about 0,8 g/cc to about 1,2 g/cc. The moisture content of the composite treated with the polymerizable monomers is from about 0 to about 50%.